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SUBJECT: SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH

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1. THE EROS DATA CENTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTING ALL SPACE AND AIRCRAFT PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTED BY NASA AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. SPACE AND AIRCRAFT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOULD BE ORDERED DIRECTLY FROM EROS RATHER THAN NASA. REQUEST AIR MAIL REPLY TO EXPEDITE PROMPT DELIVERY.

2. WHEN REQUESTING SATELLITE PHOTOS FROM EROS DATA CENTER, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA 57198, PLEASE SPECIFY EXACT GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES OF THE CENTER OF THE AREA OF INTEREST.

3. IN RETURN, POST WILL RECEIVE COMPUTER PRINT-OUT OF AVAILABLE IMAGERY, ORDER FORMS, AND CURRENT PRICE INFORMATION FROM EROS DATA CENTER.

4. ERTS PHOTOS COVER AREA 115 MILES ON A SIDE, AND ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE IN EITHER COLOR OR BLACK-AND-WHITE PRINTS.

TYPICAL CURRENT PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

36" X 36" BLACK-AND-WHITE PRINTS ARE DOLS 9.00
18" X 18" COLOR PRINTS ARE DOLS 15.00 EACH, BUT 2
OR MORE COPIES OF THE SAME COLOR VIEW ARE DOLS 9.00
EACH.

5. ALLOW 3-WEEK PERIOD FOR DELIVERY OF COMPUTER
PRINT-OUT, AND 2-4 WEEK PERIOD TO RECEIVE PHOTOS AFTER
ORDER HAS BEEN PLACED.

6. QUESTION ON COST OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE STUDIES IS
DIFFICULT TO ANSWER BY CABLE. DEPENDING UPON SCOPE OF
STUDIES AND RESULTS DESIRED, EQUIPMENT WOULD RUN FROM
SIMPLE MAGNIFYING GLASS TO SEVERAL MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND TRAINING.
A TYPICAL, FAIRLY SIMPLE, PHOTO INTERPRETATIVE SET UP MIGHT
COST ON THE ORDER OF DOLS 50 THOUSAND FOR
PHOTO LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLY DOLS 200 THOUSAND FOR
TRAINING. LATTER ESTIMATE WOULD VARY DEPENDING ON EXISTING
LOCAL CAPABILITIES. GOOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT
SIMILAR EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES ALREADY IN OMAN SINCE THEY
ARE COMMONLY USED IN OIL EXPLORATION WORK.

7. ERTS-1 AND ERTS-B (SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH EARLY IN
1975) HAVE NO WATER TEMPERATURE DETECTION CAPABILITY SINCE
THERE IS NO THERMAL CHANNEL ON THE SPACECRAFT. ERTS DOES
HAVE CAPABILITY OF DETECTING SOME MAJOR CURRENT SYSTEMS.
CORRELATION OF WATER COLOR TO CERTAIN KINDS OF BOTTOM
CONDITIONS MAY GIVE WATER DEPTH CONTOURS AND MAY RELATE
TO FISHING INFORMATION.

8. SUGGEST OMAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
CONSIDER SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO US FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH
NASA AND NOAA ON OCEANOGRAPHIC APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE
SENSING TECHNOLOGY. INGERSOLL

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